

Docket No.: 1509-173

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Stephen GOLD :
Serial No. n/a : Group Art Unit:
Filed: herewith : Examiner:
For: PERFORMING OPERATING SYSTEM RECOVERY FROM EXTERNAL
BACK-UP MEDIA IN A HEADLESS COMPUTER ENTITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the
referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 6 and 15 as follows:

5. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further
comprising the step of:

copying user data from said back-up source to one or more
data partitions of said data storage device, said secondary data
partition area being a data partition area for storage of data.

6. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
said step of resetting said computer entity comprises the steps of:
forcing said computer entity to boot from an emergency

operating system stored on an emergency operating system partition area of said data storage device;

overwriting a content of said primary operating system partition with said back-up operating system stored in said operating system back-up area partition; and

restoring client and application configuration settings from said user settings archive partition area.

15. (amended) The back-up method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising the step of:

copying user data from a secondary data partition of said data storage device onto said back-up media.

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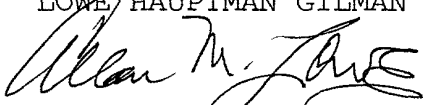
Claims 5, 6 and 15 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies thereof.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested and in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES:

5. (amended) The method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, further comprising the step of:

copying user data from said back-up source to one or more data partitions of said data storage device, said secondary data partition area being a data partition area for storage of data.

6. (amended) The method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein said step of resetting said computer entity comprises the steps of:

forcing said computer entity to boot from an emergency operating system stored on an emergency operating system partition area of said data storage device;

overwriting a content of said primary operating system partition with said back-up operating system stored in said operating system back-up area partition; and

restoring client and application configuration settings from said user settings archive partition area.

15. (amended) The back-up method as claimed in claim 13 [or 14], further comprising the step of:

copying user data from a secondary data partition of said data storage device onto said back-up media.